AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title of the application by deleting the word "Improved," as follows:

"IMPROVED WOOD-REDUCING APPARATUS WITH CONTINUAL FEEDER ASSEMBLY"

On page 1, please delete the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications" and the entire paragraph beginning with "This application claims the benefit"

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING

Please amend the drawing of the application by replacing the originally-filed drawing figures with the formal drawing figures contained on the attached Replacement Sheets.

The figures on the Replacement Sheets contain no substantive amendment and no new matter.

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CONCLUSION

The undersigned is available at (404) 881-7821 if the Examiner has any questions or requests that may be resolved by telephone in order to expedite the examination of this application.

The Applicants do not believe any request for extension of time or fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow the consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned-for under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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